K. D. H. P. Company.

113. MR. P. GOPALAN (*Vaikom III—General*): Will the honourable Minister for Coffee, Rubber etc., be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the term of the agreement with the Kannan Devan Company has expired;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative whether the Government have entered into any fresh agreement with the Kannan Devan Co., and

(*c*) whether the Government have considered the question of nationalising the Kannan Devan Estate?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN: (*a*) The agreement is in perpetuity (*Vide* clause 12 of the agreement contained in the Land Revenue Manual Vol. 2.)

(*b*) In view of the above, this question does not arise.

(*c*) There is no such question under the consideration of the Government.

MR. P. GOPALAN: അതു് നാഷണലൈസ് ചെയ്യുന്നതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ആലോചിക്കുമോ?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN: ഇപ്പോൾ ആലോചിക്കുകയില്ല.

MR. P. GOPALAN: അതിനുള്ള കാരണം പറയുമോ?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN: അങ്ങനെ ആലോചിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ.

MR. A. ABDUL RAZAAK: Is the agreement irrevocable under all circumstances?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN: It is a matter for legal opinion. The member may refer to the agreement and to a lawyer. If he so desires, Government will refer the matter to the Legal Remembrancer.

MR. ABDUL AZIZ: Will the Government be pleased to refer the matter to the Advocate-General?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN: Yes, if so required.

Balance sheet of Food Accounts.

114. MR. K. S. JOSEPH (*Thiruvella IV—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Food be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the balance sheet for the year 1121-1122 of Food Accounts has been prepared;

(*b*) if so, whether it was done after a physical verification of stock; and

(*c*) why yearly balance sheets were not prepared and published?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: (*a*) Yes; it was published in the Government Gazette dated 3-3-1948.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The food transactions relate to both imported foodgrains and local paddy. As the accounts relating to local paddy were not received in time, the balance sheet for 1121 and 1122 had to be published only now.

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